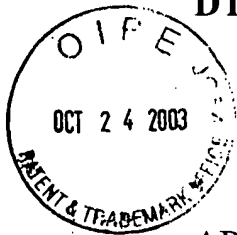


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003 (a request for a three-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner rejected all of the pending the claims as being unpatentable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: